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A

General Radesco's attitude concerning funds held in trust by Al. Cretzianu.

General N. Radesco was well aware, before he left Rumania, of the circumstances in which Cretzianu was entrusted with a sum of 6,000,000 Swiss Francs for anti-communist action. He knew quite well that Iuliu Maniu and Dinu Bratianu had approved of this and had advised Cretzianu to go on defending the lawsuit started by the Communist-dominated Government to get hold of those funds. In any case, not only that General Radesco did not, in 1946-48, contest in any way Cretzianu's duties and rights concerning the funds, but accepted, with thanks, to be given substantial amounts.

The following evidence is available in this respect :

- Cables dated 20 February, 1947, and 2 March, 1947, and letters dated 17 and 27 February, 1947, addressed to Cretzianu, by (Colonel) (Retired) George Mavrodi, a friend of Radesco, living in England, and carbon-copy of letter dated 24 February, 1947, from Cretzianu to Mavrodi. (Enclosures 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5).

- Letter dated 4 April, 1947, from Brutus Coste to Cretzianu, advising him, amongst other things, that Radesco had arrived in Lisbon, that Coste had given him 10,000 Swiss Francs on behalf of Cretzianu, and that Radesco had asked if the debts he had left in Cyprus could not be paid. (Enclosure 6)

- Letter dated 10 April, 1947, from Radesco to Cretzianu, saying : "It is my duty to thank you for all you have done for me through Mr. Coste. The arrangements you made, however unexpected, were timely and welcome, allowing me to get out of a difficult situation." (Enclosure 7)

- Letter dated 4 June, 1947, from Radesco to Cretzianu, saying, amongst other things ~~that~~ "that he took the liberty to solicit" Cretzianu's financial help in favour of an exiled Rumanian newspaper appearing in Paris. (Enclosure 8).

- Letter dated 10 July, 1947, from Brutus Coste to Cretzianu, stating (Page 2, point c), that, according to the latitude which had been given to him by Cretzianu, he had come to an agreement with General Radesco, which was to receive a lump sum of 50,000 Swiss Francs for one year. Payments for the crew of the aircraft with which Radesco had escaped from Rumania and repayment of former debts of Radesco were included in that lump sum. (Encl. 9)

- Accounting report by Brutus Coste, dated 4 February, 1948, addressed to Cretzianu, concerning payments made out of moneys entrusted to him by Cretzianu. The accounts make it clear that Radesco did not keep his part of the agreement by which he was given a lump sum for one year, but drew supplementary amounts of 3,480 Swiss francs for the aircraft crew and 3,800 Swiss francs for his and Barbu Niculescu's passage from Lisbon to New York. (Enclosure 10). It should be noted likewise that Radesco did not keep his promise (see Coste's letter of 10 July, 1947) to give explanatory accounts of his expenditures.

In July 1948, General Radescu did not apply for a renewal of the financial arrangements which had been made the previous year. Mr. Maniu having been condemned and imprisoned in the meantime, General Radescu felt free to start, through his friends, a campaign of slanders against Cretzianu concerning the use of funds entrusted to him, which should have been lavishly distributed amongst refugees recommended by General Radescu. At that time General Radescu was already being financed by Malaxa.

When the Rumanian National Committee was set up, in May, 1949, General Radescu brought up the question and was told by Cretzianu that the latter was ready to make a satisfactory arrangement by which the funds would be used for activities connected by the Rumanian National Committee, and with the knowledge of that Committee, on condition that the same procedure should be used by Radescu concerning funds received from Malaxa. This Radescu refused to do as he could not get Malaxa's permission. Moreover, Malaxa was making monthly payments to Radescu and did not intend to make any lump payment or to make any pledge for the future.

On 9 January, 1949, Mr. Dolbeare wrote to General Radescu, on behalf of the National Committee for a Free Europe, requesting to be informed, at suitable intervals, of the status of funds deposited in the United States and available for Rumanian resistance abroad. (Enclosure 11).

The matter was discussed by the Rumanian National Committee. Cretzianu reminded the Committee of his former proposals and asked General Radescu if he could give informations to the Committee on the amounts received from Malaxa and their use. Radescu replied that Malaxa had stopped his subventions.

Cretzianu, thereupon, declared that, as far as he was concerned he would give the informations requested by the NCFE. (Enclosures No. 12, 13 and 14).

On his part, and without any authorization from the Committee, Radescu wrote a letter on the matter to the NCFE, on 29 January 1950. This letter (enclosure 15) is a model of mendacity and bad faith.

Cretzianu wrote again to Radescu, on 27 February, 1950, stating that he had deposited in the files of the Committee a memorandum on the situation of the funds he held in trust, as well as the estimated expenses for 1950. This memorandum would be available to every member of the Committee. (Enclosure 16).

Very shortly after that, Radescu stated that he would not convene the Committee as long as Cretzianu would be one of its members, giving as pretext that he had heard that Cretzianu had insulted him in a private conversation with two other members of the Committee.

In September, 1950, after Radescu's withdrawal from the Committee, PATRIA (General Ion Gheorghe's newspaper) published a statement by Radescu, which referred to an alleged communication received from Mr. Pella, former Rumanian Minister to Switzerland concerning "the purpose for which the funds were constituted". The funds were alleged to have been entrusted to Pella "by a special Committee formed to that end". (Enclosure 17, page 4)

On November 23, 1950, Mr. Pellla wrote to General Radescu

to deny such allegations. (Enclosure 18).

Radescu and his friends have continued, ever since, the campaign of slanders against Cretzianu. All the Iron Guard emigre press and General Gheorghe's PATRIA have given the widest distribution to such slanders among Rumanian exiles.

As concerns Radescu, his attitude is all the more condemnable that he received at one time substantial amounts from those funds, without any questions asked. (Gafencu's position is exactly the same, considering that he even asked Cretzianu in writing, in August 1946, to pledge himself to give him a yearly pension of 50,000 Swiss francs reversible on his wife, in case he died!).

By stating publicly, as he does, that the funds entrusted to Cretzianu are "funds belonging to the Rumanian nation", Radescu is doing an excellent service to the Bucharest Communist Government, as this is exactly the position they have taken in the lawsuits in Switzerland. Should Radescu's point of view be accepted by the Swiss courts, the funds blocked in Switzerland would automatically revert to the Bucharest Government.

New York, la 4 Februarie 1948

Domnule Ministru,

Ca urmare la darea de seama pe care v'am făcut-o prin scrisoarea mea din 23 Februarie 1947 (dela Lisabona), vă prezint mai jos situația deconturilor aflate în păstrarea mea - pe ziua de 1 Ianuarie 1948 :

A. Franci elvețieni

I. Intări

Sold la 23 Februarie 1947..... 196.723,85 Fr. elv.

II. Iesiri

* 18 Martie 1947 : Avans d-lui Gral Rădescu.....	10.000,00	"	"
26 Martie 1947 : Avans B.Coste- Aprilie.....	1.750,00	"	"
" Munteanu "	400,00	"	"
Versat la contul de cheltuieli.....	550,00	"	"
22 Aprilie 1947 : Avans B.Coste- Maiu.....	1.750,00	"	"
" Munteanu- "	400,00	"	"
Versat la contul de cheltuieli.....	350,00	"	"
19 Iunie 1947 : Avans B.Coste - Iunie.....	1.750,00	"	"
" Munteanu- "	400,00	"	"
* 19 Iunie 1947 : Avans Generalului Rădescu.....	50.000,00	"	"
27 Iunie 1947 : Avans B.Coste - Iulie.....	1.750,00	"	"
" Munteanu - "	400,00	"	"
28 Iulie 1947 : Avans B.Coste- August.....	1.750,00	"	"
" Munteanu - "	400,00	"	"
Virat la contul de cheltuieli.....	150,00	"	"
30 August 1947 : Avans B.Coste- Septembrie.....	1.750,00	"	"
Munteanu - idem	400,00	"	"
Virat la contul de cheltuieli.....	250,00	"	"
3 Septembrie 1947 : Virat la contul de cheltuieli.....	100,00	"	"
27 Septembrie 1947 : Avans B.Coste- Octombrie.....	1.750,00	"	"
" Munteanu - "	400,00	"	"
* 7 Octombrie : Remis la Cipru pentru aviatorii Generalului Rădescu (întreținerea pe 3 luni).....	3.480,00	"	"
9 Octombrie : Virat la contul de cheltuieli.....	250,00	"	"
28 Octombrie : Avans Munteanu- Noiembrie.....	400,00	"	"
Virat la contul de cheltuieli.....	350,00	"	"
* 28 Octombrie : 4 bilete de vapor Lisabona-New York..	7.600,00	"	"
28 Octombrie : Remitere G. Anastasiu-Geneva.....	100.000,00	"	"
30 Octombrie : Avans Munteanu - Decembrie.....	400,00	"	"
19 Decembrie : Avans Munteanu- Ianuarie.....	400,00	"	"
30 Decembrie : Suma forfetari Munteanu.....	3.400,00	"	"
Total Iesiri.....	192.930,00	Fr. elv	

III. Sold

Dale Domnului Alexandru Cretzianu
Washington D.C.

III. Sold

Intrari....	195.723,85	Fr. elv.	
Iegiri.....	192.950,00	" "	
Sold la 1.1.1948...	2.793,85	" "	- depus in contul B:C la Banca Fonsecas, Santos & Vianna din Lisabona

B. ESCUDOS

I. Intrari

Sold la 23 Februarie 1947..... 3.316,05 escudos

II. Iegiri

1 Martie 1947 : Virat la contul de cheltueli	2.500,00	"	
31 Dec. 1947 : Virat la contul dolari	3.816,05	"	(32,50 \$)
Total Iegiri.....	3.316,05	"	

III. Sold : 0

C. DOLARI

I. Intrari

Sold la Chase Bank, la 23.II.1947 (cf. raport).....	3.000 \$
Virat dela cont escudos (816,05 esc. * 25,10).....	32,50 \$
Total intrari.....	3.032,50 \$

II. Iegiri

1 Decembrie 1947 : Imprumut B.Coste (Nov. si Dec.)....	600,00 \$
9 Decembrie 1947 : Cost bilat c.f. Detroit.....	42,00
Total iegiri.....	642,00 \$

III: Sold

Intrari :	3.032,50 \$
Iegiri :	642,00
Sold la 1.1.1948..	2.390,50 dolari

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Soldurile indicate mai sus se gasesc la dispozitiunea Dvs.
 Vă voi prezenta, in cel mai scurt timp cu putinta, un
 raport amanuntit al intregii mele gestiuni . Date precise cu privire
 la intrebuintarea dă sumelor indicate in acest raport sub titlul
 " virat la contul de cheltueli", vor fi cuprinse in acea dare de
 seama . Odata cu aceasta dare de seama voi tine la dispozitia Dvs

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două dosare cu acte justificative .

Primiți vă rog, Domnule Ministru, încredințarea prea
deosebitei mele considerațiuni.

Brutus Coste

(Brutus Coste)

7 February 1952

B

Misuse by Radescu of funds given by the NCFE to the Rumanian National Committee.

Some time in June, 1949, the NCFE began to make payments to the Rumanian National Committee. The first payments were made to General Radescu. Although the sums were remitted to him with detailed indications concerning their use, Radescu tried at first to spend them as he pleased, without keeping any accounts.

On 13 July, 1949, Cretzianu wrote to Radescu asking that the Committee should be convened, as soon as possible, to adopt financial by-laws, to appoint a Financial Sub-Committee and a Treasurer. (Enclosure I).

On 16 July, 1949, Radescu replied that the Committee could not be convened as some of its members were on vacations. He added that he saw no necessity of adopting financial by-laws, considering that "the Committee has no funds at its disposition, not even one dollar". (Enclosure II).

Cretzianu

On 19 July, 1949, wrote back, reminding Radescu that his statement ignored the fact of remittances by the NCFE. He insisted on his previous request. (Enclosure III).

The motives of Radescu's attitude soon became obvious. The NCFE was paying \$300 as rent for the New York office of the Committee. Radescu chose to consider his own apartment as office of the Committee, pocketing the \$300, over the \$300 he was already receiving as member of the Committee. But that was not all: the NCFE was giving \$200 monthly for travel expenses. Radescu did not breathe a word about this and got hold of these sums. The NCFE also gave \$500 for office furniture and \$200 monthly for office expenses. Radescu considered that he was entitled to spend those sums as he pleased.

When a Financial Sub-Committee was appointed at long last (its members being Caranfil and Cretzianu), they took immediate measures to rent an apartment as New York office, in October 1949. They agreed to leave ~~the matter~~ in abeyance the matter of rents wrongly appropriated by Radescu. Caranfil insisted that other financial "errors" committed by Radescu should be forgotten. Cretzianu could not agree to this and wrote to Radescu on 19 December, 1949, to ask for explanatory accounts of the use of \$1500 received by Radescu from the NCFE and earmarked for office expenses, office furniture and travel expenses. (Enclosure IV).

Radescu finally replied in writing on 20 January, 1950, but failed to give satisfactory accounts. (Enclosure V).

The matter had not yet been settled when Radescu decided to try and break the Committee.

Washington, D.C., 13 Iulie 1949 ^I

Stimate Domnule General,

Am onoare să vă trimit aici-ălăturat:

1) Un proiect de Regulament financiar al Comitetului Național, pe care l'am întocmit cu scopul de a servi ca bază de discuțiune în Comitet;

2) Avisul dat de Dl. Samuel Neel, avocat din Washington, cu privire la normele generale de păstrare și mănuire a fondurilor aparținând unei Societăți sau unui Comitet.

De acord cu Dl. Visolani, vreau să insist încă odată asupra necesității de a se convoca Comitetul cât mai curând spre a se discuta și adopta un Regulament financiar, a se vota un buget provizoriu până la sfârșitul anului și a se numi un casier al Comitetului Național.

Rezolvarea urgentă a chestiunilor de mai sus nu corespunde numai nevoilor esențiale de organizare a activității Comitetului: ea ne va permite în plus să asigurăm sprijinul financiar stabil de care avem nevoie pentru a aduce la îndeplinire programul nostru.

Din cele ce mi-ati spus ieri la telefon, am înțeles că D-nii Gafencu și Caranfil ar dori să nu-și întrerupă vilegiaturile de vară. Îmi permit totuși să sugerez să se facă un us de toată autoritatea D-voastră pentru a-i decide să participe la unele lucrări ce-mi par urgente.

Primiți vă rog, Domnule General, asigurarea deosebitei mele considerațiuni.

II

New-York, 16 Iulie, 1949.

Stimate Domnule Gretziam,

Am primit scrisoarea D-v din 13 crt., impreuna cu proiectul de regulament al Comisiei Financiare.

Dorinta D-v de a se convoca imediat o sedinta a Comitetului National, in scopul de a se discuta proiectul trimis, nu poate fi satisfacuta, intrucat parte din membrii sunt raspanditi in cursul acestei luni, iar maine eu insumi ma voi deplasa pentru circa 3 saptamani, avand neaparat nevoie de odihna.

De altfel nu vad nevoia discutiunii imediate a unui regulament privitor la creiarea unei Comisiuni Financiare, Comitetul nedispunand ca fonduri, asa cum bine stiti, nici macar de un dolar.

Primiti, va rog, incredintarea deosebitei mele consideratiuni,

N. Razin

Washington D.C., 19 Iulie 1949
3307 Woodley Road. III

Stimate Domnule General,

Va multumesc pentru scrisoarea Dvs. din 16 Iulie.

Va rog sa-mi ingaduiti sa observ ca afirmatia potrivit careia Comitetul n'ar dispune "nici macar de un dolar", face abstractiune, intre altele, de varsamântul care s'a facut la 1 Iulie de catre N.C.F.F.E. si de cele cari sunt promise pe lunile urmatoare.

Amintesc, in ce priveste acel varsamânt, ca o parte numai a sumei este alocata pentru cheltuelile Secretariatelor de la Washington si de la New York, si ca intrebuintarea celeilalte (cheltueli speciale si neprevazute), urmeaza a fi hotarita de Comitet.

Iar in ce priveste alocatia pentru Secretarul General, va este cunoscut ca nu inteleg a incasa acea suma si ca intrebuintarea ei urmeaza, deci, a fi hotarita de Comitet. De altfel, chiar si in ce priveste sumele de care vor dispune Secretariatele din Washington si New York, conform bugetelor stabilite, mânuierea acestor sume urmeaza a fi supraveghiata de catre organele competente ale Comitetului National, potrivit normelor elementare de buna administratiune.

Ma cred dator sa subliniez, pe de alta parte ca nu este de asteptat ca cineva sa faca vre-o donatiune sau varsamânt cu orice titlu Comitetului; atât timp cât nu exista garantia unei administrari normale si regulate a sumelor de care dispune Comitetul.

Nu pot, prin urmare, decât sa repet cererea mea insistenta de a se convoca de urgenta Comitetul National pentru a proceda la:

- 1) Adoptarea unui Regulament Financiar;
- 2) Alegerea unui Subcomitet Financiar;
- 3) Desemnarea unui casier al Comitetului;
- 4) Adoptarea unui buget provizoriu pâna la sfârșitul anului;
- 5) Fixarea normelor dupa care se vor face lucrarile in vederea bugetului pe anul 1950.

Adaug ca am trimis proiectul de Regulament Financiar membrilor Comitetului aflatori în Europa si ca îmi rezerv a transmite Comitetului observatiunile lor.

Primiti va rog, stimate Domnule General, incredintarea deosebitei mele consideratiuni.-

Alexandru Cretziam

IV

Washington D.C., 19 Decembrie 1949.

Domnului Sale
Domnului General N. Rădescu,
Președintele Comitetului Național Român.

Domnule Președinte,

La punctul 2 al ordinii de zi a actualei sesiuni a Comitetului Național figurează:

"Luarea de hotărâri asupra tuturor chestiunilor care au fost aduse în discuție în ședințele precedente."

Am onoarea, prin urmare, a vă ruga să binevoiți a dispune a se lua în discuție, în cadrul acestui punct, chestiunea justificării sumei de \$ 1500 (una mie cinci sute) primită de Dvs. de la "National Committee for Free Europe" și cu care sunteți debitat în registrele de contabilitate ale Comitetului Național.

Suma de mai sus se descompune în modul următor:

Cheltuieli de birou New York pe luna Iulie	\$ 200.-
Cheltuieli de birou New York pe luna August	\$ 200.-
Suma destinată înzestrării cu mobilier a biroului	
din New York - tranșa pe Iulie	\$ 250.-
tranșa pe August	\$ 250.-

Cheltuieli de deplasare:

Iulie	\$ 200.-
August	\$ 200.-
Septembrie	\$ 200.-

T o t a l : . . \$ 1500.-

Primiți vă rog, Domnule Președinte, asigurarea deosebitei mele considerațiuni.

Alexandru Cretzianu

COMITETUL NATIONAL ROMAN
SECRETARIATUL

din New York

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20 Ianuarie 1950

General N. Radescu
catre
Comisia Financiara a Comitetului National Roman

Domnilor,

Aduc la cunostinta Dvs. asa cum de altfel, am facut cunoscut Comitetului intr-o sedinta in luna August -- ca, din sumele afectate de catre National Committee for Free Europe secretariatului din New York,

Eu am facut urmatoarele cheltuieli :

- S'au cumparat doua masini de scris	\$ 160
- S'a cumparat un dulap	\$ 40
- S'a cheltuit cu prilejul de diferite deplasari	\$ 400
- A fost ajutat scriitorul V. Gheorghiu	\$ 250
- Au fost ajutati 2 compatrioti din N.Y. aflati in mare lipsa	\$ 250
- Speze birou Iulie si August 1949	\$ 400

Total \$ 1500

N. Radescu

General N. Radescu
Presedintele Comitetului National

*A. Prunedu mi-a explicat ca in luna Iulie - August
lunara a fost de 160 x 40 = 200 boloni marita la
capitolul Lunara marita apoi 400 in luna
"deplasari" si 400 la chelt de birou 100 500 la
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